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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 26 April 1953, except for a guard detail, the former Oberlandesgericht and all barracks installations in Naumburg were vacated. The Bluecher Kaserne was occupied by a guard detail of 120 soldiers for interior guard duty.

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2. On 23 April, the Neue Kaserne east of Schubert Strasse in Gotha was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Vehicles were observed at the installation.

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1. Comment. The report confirms that, until the end of April 1953, the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps with corps units left Naumburg. the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was identified in Kindel as during the preceding years. The whereabouts of the corps units, especially of the engineer battalion, cannot definitely be interpreted.

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2. Comment. After the transfer to Langensalza of the 128th Gds Gun Arty Regt, troops believed to be stationed in Gotha include the 172nd Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, the 93rd Ren Bn previously in Weissenfels, and the 64th AT Bn previously in Naumburg. Except for elements of the 172nd Gds Mtz Rifle Regt employed for border-guard duty in the Muehlhauser-Nordhausen section, the report indicates that all other units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div had not left Gotha until the end of April 1953.

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